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In re Application of

Franz Josef Brocker et al.

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed March 16, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.181, to withdraw the holding of abandonment for the above-identified application.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**.

The application was held abandoned on August 19, 2004, for failure to file a timely reply to the non-Final Office Action mailed May 18, 2004. A three month period for reply was set. Accordingly, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 8, 2005. A petition filed December 19, 2005 was dismissed in a decision mailed March 8, 2006 because although the petition and evidence submitted established that a response to the non-Final Office Action had been timely filed, a copy of the complete response was not of record.

Comes now petitioner with the instant renewed petition and a copy of the complete response filed August 12, 2004, which also bears of certificate of mail of August 12, 2004.

The evidence submitted corroborates a timely response to the non-Final Office Action. Accordingly, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn and the Notice of Abandonment is vacated. No petition fee Is due and none has been charged.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center 1764 for appropriate action on the amendment filed August 12, 2004, a copy of which was submitted upon petition.

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